

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re:

LAWRENCE A. FIRST,

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-11020(MG)

Debtor.

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**ORDER ESTABLISHING DEADLINE FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM
AND APPROVING THE FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE THEREOF**

Upon the application of the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the “Debtor”), for an order, pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (“Bankruptcy Rule”) 3003(c)(3), fixing a deadline (the “Bar Date”) and establishing procedures for filing proofs of claim and approving the form and manner of service thereof, and it appearing that the relief requested is in the best interests of the Debtor, his estate, and creditors and that adequate notice has been given and that no further notice is necessary; and after due deliberation and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

ORDERED, that except as otherwise provided herein, all persons and entities, (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts and governmental units) that assert a claim, as defined in Section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, against the Debtor which arose on or prior to the filing of the Chapter 11 petition on July 27, 2022 (the “Filing Date”), shall file a proof of such claim in writing or electronically on the Court’s website at www.nyeb.uscourts.gov so that it is received on or before **November 4, 2022**; and it is further

ORDERED, that notwithstanding any other provision hereof, proofs of claim filed by governmental units must be filed on or before January 23, 2023 (the date that is one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the order for relief); and it is further

ORDERED, that the following procedures for the filing of proofs of claim shall apply:

- (a) Proofs of claim must conform substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410;
- (b) Attorneys (with full access accounts) and employees of institutional creditors (with limited access accounts) should file proofs of claim electronically on the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case File ("CM/ECF") system. Those without accounts with the CM/ECF system may electronically create and file proofs of claim through the "File A Proof of Claim" link on the Court's website at www.nysb.uscourts.gov or by mailing or delivering the original proof of claim to the United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 1004-1408;
- (c) Proofs of claim will be deemed filed only when received by the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court on or before the Bar Date;
- (d) Proofs of claim must (i) be signed; (ii) include supporting documentation (if voluminous, attach a summary) or an explanation as to why documentation is not available; (iii) be in the English language; and, (iv) be denominated in United States currency; and it is further

ORDERED, that the following persons or entities need not file a proof of claim on or prior to the Bar Date:

- (a) Any person or entity that has already filed a proof of claim against the Debtor in this case with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York in a form substantially similar to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410;
- (b) Any person or entity whose claim is listed on the Schedules of Assets and Liabilities filed by the Debtor (collectively, the "Schedules") [Docket Entry No. 14], if (i) the claim is not scheduled as "disputed," "contingent" or "unliquidated"; and (ii) the

claimant agrees with the amount, nature and priority of the claim as set forth in the Schedules; and (iii) the claimant does not dispute that the claim is an obligation of the specific Debtor against which the claim is listed in the Schedules;

- (c) Any holder of a claim that has previously been allowed by order of the Court;
- (d) A holder of a claim that has been paid in full by any of the Debtor;
- (e) Any claim for which a different deadline has previously been fixed by this Court;
- (f) Any claim allowable under § 503(b) and § 507(a) (2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration of the Debtor's estate, except as otherwise provided below;

ORDERED, that any person or entity that holds a claim that arises from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease, as to which the order authorizing such rejection is dated on or before the date of entry of this Order, must file a proof of claim based on such rejection on or before the later of the Bar Date or the date that is 30 days after the date of the order authorizing such rejection, and any person or entity that holds a claim that arises from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease, as to which an order authorizing such rejection is dated after the date of entry of this Order, must file a proof of claim on or before such date as the Court may fix in the applicable order authorizing such rejection; and it is further

ORDERED, that if the Debtor amends or supplements the Schedules after the date of this Order, the Debtor shall give notice of any amendment or supplement to the holders of claims amended thereby, and holders of such claims shall have 30 days from the date of service of the notice to file proofs of claim and shall be given notice of that deadline; and it is further

ORDERED, that nothing in this Order shall prejudice the right of the Debtor or any other party in interest to dispute or assert offsets or defenses to any claim listed in the Schedules; and it

is further

ORDERED, that pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(2), a holder of a claim that fails to comply with this Order by timely filing a proof of claim in appropriate form shall not be treated as a creditor with respect to that claim for purposes of voting and distribution; and it is further

ORDERED, that notice of the Bar Date substantially in the form annexed hereto is approved and shall be deemed adequate and sufficient if served by first-class mail at least 35 days prior to the Bar Date on:

- (a) The United States Trustee;
- (b) Counsel to each official committee (if applicable);
- (c) All persons or entities that have requested notice of the proceedings in the Chapter 11 case;
- (d) All persons or entities that have filed claims;
- (e) All creditors and other known holders of claims as of the date of this Order, including all persons or entities listed in the Schedules as holding claims; and
- (f) All parties to executory contracts and unexpired leases of the Debtor;
- (g) All parties to litigation with the Debtor;
- (h) The Internal Revenue Service for the district in which the case is pending and, if required by Bankruptcy Rule 2002(j), the Securities and Exchange Commission and any other required governmental units (a list of such agencies is available from the Office of the Clerk of the Court); and
- (i) Such additional persons and entities as deemed appropriate by the Debtor; and it is further

ORDERED, that any person or entity who desires to rely on the Schedules will have the

responsibility for determining that the claim is accurately listed in the Schedules; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Debtor is authorized and empowered to take such steps and perform such acts as may be necessary to implement and effectuate the terms of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that entry of this Order is without prejudice to the rights of the Debtor to seek a further order of this Court fixing a date by which holders of claims or interests not subject to the Bar Date established herein must file such proofs of claim or interest or be barred from doing so.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 22, 2022
New York, New York

/s/ Martin Glenn
MARTIN GLENN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

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**NOTICE OF DEADLINE REQUIRING FILING
PROOFS OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 4, 2022**

**TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST
LAWRENCE A. FIRST**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York has entered an Order establishing **November 4, 2022** (the “Bar Date”) as the last date for each person or entity (including individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts and governmental units) to file a proof of claim against the above-captioned Debtor (the “Debtor”).

The Bar Date and the procedures set forth below for filing proofs of claim apply to all claims against the Debtor that arose prior to July 27, 2022 the date on which the Debtor commenced his case under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, except for claims listed in Section 4 below that are specifically excluded from the Bar Date filing requirement. Governmental units may have until January 23, 2023, the date that is one hundred eighty (180) days after the order for relief, to file proofs of claim

1. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

You **MUST** file a proof of claim to vote on a chapter 11 plan filed by the Debtor or to share in distributions from the Debtor’s bankruptcy estate if you have a claim that arose prior to July 27, 2022 (the “Filing Date”), and it is not one of the types of claim described in Section 4 below. Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before the Filing Date

must be filed on or prior to the Bar Date, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated or certain before the Filing Date.

Under Section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used in this Notice, the word “claim” means: (a) a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

2. WHAT TO FILE

Your filed proof of claim must conform substantially to Official Form No. 410; a case-specific proof of claim form accompanies this notice. Additional proof of claim forms may be obtained at www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms.

All proof of claim forms must be **signed** by the claimant or, if the claimant is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the claimant. It must be written in English and be denominated in United States currency. You should attach to your completed proof of claim any documents on which the claim is based (if voluminous, attach a summary) or an explanation as to why the documents are not available.

Your proof of claim form must not contain complete social security numbers or taxpayer identification numbers (only the last four digits), a complete birth date (only the year), the name of a minor (only the minor’s initials) or a financial account number (only the last four digits of such financial account).

Any holder of a claim against more than one Debtor must file a separate proof of claim with respect to each such Debtor and all holders of claims must identify on their proof of claim

the specific Debtor against which their claim is asserted and the case number of that Debtor's bankruptcy case. The Debtor and the case number is set forth in the case caption above.

3. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE

Except as provided for herein, all proofs of claim must be filed so as to be received **on or before November 4, 2022**.

Attorneys (with full access accounts) and employees of institutional creditors (with limited access accounts) should file proofs of claim electronically on the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case File (CM/ECF) system.

Those without accounts to the CM/ECF system may create and electronically file their proofs of claim through the "File A Proof of Claim" link on the Court's website, www.nysb.uscourts.gov, or by mailing or delivering the original proof of claim to the Court at the address provided below:

**Southern District of New York
One Bowling Green
New York, New York 10004-1408**

Proofs of claim will be deemed filed only when received by the Bankruptcy Court on or before the Bar Date. Proofs of claim may not be delivered by facsimile, telecopy or electronic mail transmission.

4. WHO NEED NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

You do **not** need to file a proof of claim on or before the Bar Date if you are:

- (a) A person or entity that has already filed a proof of claim against the Debtor in this case with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York in a form substantially similar to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410;
- (b) A person or entity whose claim is listed on the Schedules of Assets and Liabilities filed by the Debtor (collectively, the "**Schedules**") [Docket Entry No. 14] (i) the claim is not scheduled as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated" and (ii) you agree with the amount, nature and priority of the claim as set forth in the schedules;

- (c) A holder of a claim that has previously been allowed by Order of the Court;
- (d) A holder of a claim that has been paid in full by any of the Debtor;
- (e) Any claim for which a different deadline has previously been fixed by this Court;
- (f) Any claim allowable under § 503(b) and § 507(a) (2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration of the Debtor's estate.

This Notice is being sent to many persons and entities that have had some relationship with or have done business with the Debtor but may not have an unpaid claim against the Debtor. The fact that you have received this Notice does not mean that you have a claim or that the Debtor or the Court believes that you have a claim against the Debtor.

5. EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

If you have a claim arising out of the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease as to which the order authorizing such rejection is dated on or before **September __, 2022**, the date of entry of the Bar Order, you must file a proof of claim by the Bar Date. Any person or entity that has a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease, as to which the order is dated after the date of entry of the Bar Order, you must file a proof of claim with respect to such claim by the date fixed by the Court in the applicable order authorizing rejection of such contract or lease.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE BAR DATE

ANY HOLDER OF A CLAIM THAT IS NOT EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDER, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 4 ABOVE, AND THAT FAILS TO TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THE APPROPRIATE FORM SHALL NOT BE TREATED AS A CREDITOR WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CLAIM FOR THE PURPOSES OF VOTING ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION FILED IN THIS CASE AND PARTICIPATING IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THE DEBTORS' CASE ON ACCOUNT OF

SUCH CLAIM.

7. THE DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO

You may be listed as the holder of a claim against the Debtor in the Debtor's Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and/or Schedules of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (collectively, the "Schedules").

If you rely on the Debtor's Schedules, it is your responsibility to determine that the claim is accurately listed in the Schedules.

As set forth above, if you agree with the nature, amount and status of your claim as listed in the Debtor's Schedules, and if you do not dispute that your claim is only against the Debtor specified by the Debtor, and if your claim is not described as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," you need not file a proof of claim. Otherwise, or if you decide to file a proof of claim, you must do so before the Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice.

Copies of the Debtor's Schedules are available for inspection on the Court's Internet [Website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov](http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov). A login and password to the Court's Public Access to Electronic Court Records ("PACER") are required to access this information and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. Copies of the Schedules may also be examined between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004-1408. Copies of the Debtor's Schedules may also be obtained by written request to Debtor's counsel at the address and telephone number set forth below:

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A holder of a possible claim against the Debtor should consult an attorney regarding any matters not covered by this notice, such as whether the holder should file a proof of claim.

BY ORDER OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT

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